



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.T.E. 05-3

February 2, 2005

Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company, pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 5.00 et seq., for approval of its End of Standard Offer Service Filing Tariff for effect March 1, 2005.

On January 28, 2005, Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECo" or "Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") an End of Standard Offer Service Tariff filing ("Filing"). The Company proposed changes effective March 1, 2005, that, if approved, would: (1) remove standard offer service ("SOS") nomenclature from WMECo's tariffs; (2) add a default service adjustment to tariff rates S-1, S-2, I-1, I-3, and PR, based on the difference between default service price for any given month and the SOS price of \$0.05607 per kilowatthour ("KWH") that was used to create the bundled rates in these tariffs; and (3) allow customers on rate PR the ability to move to the competitive market and contract with a third-party supplier. This Filing was docketed as D.T.E. 05-3.

Any persons wishing to submit written comments on this petition should file as follows: an original with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary; two (2) copies with the Hearing Officer, Jeanne Voveris; one (1) copy with Mauricio Diaz, Analyst, Rates and Revenues Division; one (1) copy with Sean Hanley, Assistant Director, Rates and Revenues Division; and one (1) copy with the service lists in Western Massachusetts Electric Company, D.T.E. 97-120 (1998) and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, D.T.E. 04-106 (2004). The original and copies should be delivered to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) Monday, February 14, 2005.

Commenters also are requested to submit their written comments to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and John.Geary@state.ma.us or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 05-3), (2) name of the person or company submitting the comments, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix) or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dte>.

A copy of the Company's Filing is on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public viewing during business hours. Copies are also on file for public viewing at the offices of the Company, One Federal Street, Building 111-4, Springfield, Massachusetts 01105. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's Filing should contact Stephen Klionsky, Esq. at (617) 345-1066. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact the Hearing Officer, John Geary at (617) 305-3500.

The Company shall serve a copy of this notice on all the participants in D.T.E. 97-120 and D.T.E. 04-106, and to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company no later than Tuesday, February 8, 2005, and make return of service at the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary